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RE: Urban Water Management Plan Advisory Letter- SB X7-7 Requirements Not Met

Dear Rath Moseley:

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reviewed the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) for South Feather Water and Power and has determined that South Feather Water and Power has not met an element required in California Water Code (CWC):

Targeted Water Use Reduction for 2020 was not met. The Actual 2020 GPCD was calculated as 257 GPCD, which is greater than the 2020 Target of 247 GPCD. Additionally, the deduction of 66 GPCD for Extraordinary Events (in this case, the North Complex Fire) did not include documentation to substantiate the volume deducted. Note that this must be an institutional water use for firefighting, not residential, as required in water code.

CWC 10608.24 (b) Each urban retail water supplier shall meet its urban water use target by December 31, 2020.

This letter is to advise South Feather Water and Power of this issue and to allow time for South Feather Water and Power to review its UWMP to determine whether better information has become available, and a revision of their SB X7-7 calculations and a subsequent amendment to the UWMP may properly address this required element.

DWR will register the status of the UWMP as "SB X7-7 Requirements Not Addressed" unless the Name of Water Agency submits an amended UWMP within 150 calendar days from the date of this letter. South Feather Water and Power may request additional time to submit an amended UWMP, and if deemed reasonable by DWR, the status of the review will remain "Under Review" until the agreed upon date.

As stated in Water Code Sections 10640 and 10642, please note that amendments must have:

- 60-day notification
- Public notification
- Public hearing
- Adoption by the supplier's governing body. Documentation of the amendment adoption must be included with the submittal.

Eligibility for Funding

Generally, if a supplier's UWMP does not address the requirements of the Water Code, they are not eligible for State of California water grants or loans.

However, if a supplier did not meet the 2020 targeted water use, there are two exceptions:

Section 10608.56 (c) states that a water supplier shall be eligible for a water loan or grant if it "has submitted to the department for approval a schedule, financing plan, and budget, to be included in the grant or loan agreement, for achieving the per capita reductions."

Section 10608.56 (e) states that a water supplier can also be eligible for a water loan or grant if it "has submitted to the department for approval documentation demonstrating that its entire service area qualifies as a disadvantaged community.

The CWC directs DWR to report to the legislature once every five years on the status of submitted UWMPs. In meeting this legislative reporting requirement, DWR reviews all submitted UWMPs. DWR's review of UWMPs is limited to assessing whether suppliers have addressed the required legislative elements. In its review, DWR does not evaluate or analyze the supplier's UWMP data, projections, or water management strategies.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Ekstrom", followed by a vertical line.

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